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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

- 1. Claims 1-37 are allowed.
- 2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
 In regard to Claim 1, Klocker et al in view of Scott discloses a control signal for transmitting method in a video player having an IC for processing video/audio signals and a microprocessor generating control signals as seen in (Klocker et al) Figure 1 unmodulated serial digital audio source 22, modulated digital audio sink 16 and transceiver 20 as further described in column 5 line 22-34. Additionally, Scott discloses a lookup table in Figure 6 and described in Column 11 lines 42-48; however, Klocker et al in view of Scott fails to disclose, teach, or fairly suggest the following method as generated on an A/V integrated circuit comprising the steps of:

"..mapping serial data corresponding to possible control states of the video/audio signal processing IC onto a predetermined control signal, and storing the mapped data in a lookup table; reading serial data corresponding to a control state of the video/audio signal processing IC requested by the microprocessor, from the lookup table; and transmitting the serial data to the video/audio signal processing IC, being synchronized to a clock signal."

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jamie Vent whose telephone number is 571-272-7384. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jim Groody can be reached on 571-272-7950. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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